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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1 and 6 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 2-5 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 03 April 2006 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ . |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>08/11/2008</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____ . |

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the movable iron core including the coil (the coil is clearly separate from the movable core) from claim 1; the case engagement protrusion from claim 4; the indication protrusion, the step, and the tool from claim 5 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as “amended.” If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either “Replacement Sheet” or “New Sheet” pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by

Passow (US 6025766).

3. In re claim 1, Passow, in figures 1-14, discloses a relay comprising a calculating unit (228, and in description of figure 14 in a paragraph in column 10) for outputting a trip signal or a reset signal to instruct supply and non-supply of power based on current information on a main circuit current supplied to a load; a power source unit (220) for supplying power to a coil based on the trip signal or the reset signal when the trip signal or the reset signal is input; an electromagnet unit (228 includes a unit for performing trip operation, see description of figure 14 in a paragraph in column 10) for performing a trip operation to move a movable iron core (18) from a position of a stationary state to a position of a trip state and a reset operation to move the movable iron core from the position of the trip state to the position of the stationary state, the movable iron core including the coil (80) and forming a magnetic circuit, when the power is supplied from the power source to the coil based on the trip signal or the reset signal; and a contact point mechanism unit (240) for opening a usually-closed contact point through the trip operation of the movable iron core and closing the usually-closed contact point through

the automatic or manual reset operation, wherein the contact point mechanism unit includes: a movable contactor support (24) for supporting a movable contactor composing a part of the usually-closed contact point while being maintained in the movable iron core; and a reset bar (88) arranged in a manner that is switchable between an automatic reset setting and a manual reset setting, wherein in the automatic reset setting (figure 1) the reset bar does not engage with the movable contactor support in an operation range of the movable contactor support, and wherein in the manual reset setting (figure 5) the reset bar engages with the movable contactor support in interlock with the movable iron core to interrupt the reset operation of the movable iron core of the electromagnet unit, and when the reset operation is manually performed the reset bar engages with the movable contactor support to be moved up to a position at which the reset operation is completed.

4. In re claim 6, Passow, in figures 1-13, and more specifically in the difference between figures 2 and 4, discloses that a rotation position of the movable contactor support is defined as a position at which a clearance between a contact point of the movable contactor of the usually-closed contact point and a contact point of a fixed contactor in the trip state becomes approximately equal to a clearance between a contact point of the movable contactor of the usually-opened contact point and a contact point of the fixed contactor in the stationary state.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 2 - 5 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. A list of pertinent prior art is attached in form PTO-892.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ALEXANDER TALPALATSKIY whose telephone number is (571)270-3908. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 5 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Elvin Enad can be reached on (571) 272-1990. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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